

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	112.6
Hours flown	93.7
Monthly offset	-18.9
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	214.0
Hours flown	192.9
Monthly offset	-20.1
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	422.0
Hours flown	433.3
Monthly offset	11.3
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	406.0
Sorties flown	504.0
Monthly offset	98.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	310.0
Sorties flown	269.0
Monthly offset	41.0

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 28

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with Isolated Rainshowers E to SE winds @ 10-12 knots High: 72 Low: 66

SATURDAY: Mostly Cloudy with Rainshowers SW to NW winds @ 12 knots High: 77 Low: 72

SUNDAY: Mostly Cloudy with Isolated Rainshowers NW winds @ 10-15 knots High: 70 Low: 64

FRIDAY MORNING'S COMMUNITYBANK EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=¥105 SELLING: ¥110=\$1

Something to Remember

Kadena volunteers 'Make-a-Wish' come true

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Military personnel might not think that living and working on an Air Force base is anything special, but for Yuma Tanaka—an 18-year-old from mainland Japan suffering from a life-threatening condition—a visit to Kadena was a dream come true.

Tanaka is fighting muscular dystrophy and recently made a request to visit a U.S. Air Force base through Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan.

Through the combined efforts of the Air Force and Navy, he was able to tour Kadena's flightline and see some of its aircraft Friday.

"I was surprised," said Michiko Tanaka, Yuma's mother, in reference to finding out her son's wish was accepted. "I really appreciate this opportunity."

Tanaka and his family were all smiles as they arrived at the Navy's Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa, U.S. Naval Air Facility.

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Yuma Tanaka (right), shares a laugh with Kaori Shimizu, Navy Command Fleet Activities Okinawa community relations specialist, and Navy Lt. Jim Celani, CFAO assistant operations officer, while touring Kadena's flight line March 25. Tanaka, who is fighting muscular dystrophy, made a request to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan to visit an American Air Force base. Dozens of Kadena volunteers, including Navy personnel from CFAO and Airmen from the 18th Operations Group and 733rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, volunteered to give Tanaka a hands-on tour of Kadena aircraft.

Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Less than two weeks remain for AFAF

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
 18th Wing Public Affairs

The last day to donate to Kadena's 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is coming up April 11, but the campaign has yet to meet its monetary and participation goals.

Base officials say they're pleased that Team Kadena has currently collected more than \$80,000 of the \$96,300 monetary goal, and has already exceeded last year's monetary percentage for this point of the campaign. They're concerned, however, that the wing has reached only 20 percent of the 50 percent participation goal, according to Capt. Tony Hebert, Kadena's AFAF project manager.

"This can be an indicator of indifference toward the warriors that surround us on a daily basis," said Capt. Hebert, "or simply an issue of positive contact with our Airmen about this opportunity

to help our Air Force family. I think it's the latter, and I hope to see the percentage increase—but it's going to take a team effort."

"This is a cause that helps Airmen, surviving spouses, and other members of our Air Force family—our wingmen," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander.

"When your keyworker comes around, please be generous—even if you can only give a few dollars, when multiplied by the many Airmen at Team Kadena, that will allow us to far exceed our goal and help people in need. The key is participation."

The annual campaign supports Kadena's community enhancement programs, emergency assistance for Airmen in need, educational grants and spouse tuition assistance. It also supports four Air Force-specific charities: the Air Force Aid Society, which relieves financial emergencies faced by Airmen and

their families; the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund, which provides homes for enlisted widows; the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, which supports needy widows of retired officers; and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides care for widows of retired Airmen of all ranks.

Last year, the base benefited far more from the fund than it contributed. While Kadena took out more than \$315,000 for education loans and grants, and programs such as Bundles for Babies and Give Parents a Break, it only donated \$134,000 into the fund.

"We need to keep our momentum up in order to provide for our active-duty wingmen and spouses when hard times hit," said Captain Hebert. "I urge all active-duty men and women to please find your squadron point-of-contact and donate something—no matter how much."

Pets bound for Japan face new rules

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Pet owners planning to move to Kadena from abroad will have a few extra steps to take when passing through Japanese customs due to new Japanese requirements starting June 1.

Last November, Japan customs officials implemented a new quarantine program for importing and exporting animals, but Japan District Veterinary Command officials are negotiating the terms of the SOFA-status agreement portion of the regulations.

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Alcohol and Team Kadena - time for a change

By Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander

For the past five months an Alcohol Task Force has been gathering data on the use of alcohol at Kadena, in an effort to go beyond the effects of excessive drinking and determine its causes. Too often we find ourselves dealing with the symptoms of this problem – DWI, underage drinking, domestic violence, sexual assaults, and more. Alcohol is an overwhelming factor in all these crimes in our community. Drinking to intoxication ruins families, careers, and lives, as we sadly learned again in December with the DWI death of a Kadena NCO. Unfortunately, in 2005 we are ahead of the record DWI pace we set in 2004, when 92 servicemen and women, dependents, and civilians were arrested on Kadena. That's a frightening statistic, because we know there are more drunk drivers on our roads than those we catch – drivers who place their life and the lives of all our friends and families at risk. We must put an end to this dangerous pattern of behavior, and alcohol related violence at Kadena – and it must start with cultural change.

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embraces the abuse of alcohol – the culture that drives while intoxicated, facilitates sexual assault, causes couples to fight, sparks Airmen to attack each other, or makes them incapable of responding when our nation calls. Using the data from the Alcohol Task Force we intend to focus our efforts on this significant problem in our community. Raising our awareness will be an early step, to allow people to appreciate the extent of the problem at Kadena. Education will be followed by programs – some will include incentives, others will implement measures to reduce opportunities for irresponsible drinking. Some programs will target the causes of alcohol abuse; other programs will deal directly and harshly with those

who break our laws and those of our host nation. Team Kadena will make sure that those who seek help will find it, and support the victims who feel they have no place to turn.

There is no silver bullet in this endeavor, no magic program that will change our community overnight. We will be disappointed at times, but we will not let short term setbacks detract us from our long term objective. Today, April 1st, marks the first day of a very long campaign to reduce the level of alcohol dependence and abuse in our Kadena Community. Together, Team Kadena will change...we will take care of our wingmen, and we will be better prepared to answer the call when our nation needs us.



A 34-year-old technical sergeant from the 18th Operations Support Squadron was convicted recently of driving while intoxicated Feb. 5 with a breath-alcohol content of .174 percent. He was demoted to staff sergeant, fined \$1,000 and given a reprimand.



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ACTION LINES

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The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Bicycle Safety

I'd like to ask about the bicycle traffic laws. I have seen bikers almost get hit three or four times because they failed to stop at a four-way stop sign and the drivers of the vehicles were expecting them to. The bikers don't even pretend to stop--they just go full speed through the stop sign like it's not even there. It is my understanding that the traffic laws are the same for bicyclists as they are for motor vehicle drivers. Am I wrong in this or are these bikers putting themselves in danger by not following the law? I've also noticed that around Perimeter Road, runners run with the traffic. Aren't they supposed to be running against it?

Thanks for addressing this important safety issue for our bicyclers and joggers on Kadena Air Base. Your understanding of traffic laws for motorists and bicyclists is correct. Bicycle riders on a road are subject to the same traffic laws as pedestrians and operators of motorized vehicles. Bicyclists failing to adhere to local traffic laws are placing themselves and others around

them at great risk. If you see a bicyclist breaking the law please speak with them, or call our law enforcement desk and provide a description of the rider and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In response to your question concerning joggers running with the flow of traffic, the wing instruction states that joggers will run on the outermost edge of the roadway and not interfere with the flow of traffic. When a sidewalk is present, joggers will use the sidewalk, but not interfere with pedestrian traffic.

Joggers can run either with or against traffic flow, as long as they do not interfere with traffic. Running against traffic is usually the safer option; however, all parameters must be considered, such as lighting, road construction, gutters, potholes, etc. Like bicyclists that ride in an unsafe manner, I would ask that if you see joggers violating traffic laws and you have the opportunity to talk to them, please do so. Our security forces cannot be everywhere, and we need wingmen who are willing to speak up to prevent others from getting hurt.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Brian K. Mims

18th Air Evacuation Squadron aircrew scheduler
Hometown: Fort Walton Beach, Fl.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Mims' professionalism, job knowledge and experience resulted in the rapid organization and implementation of a comprehensive tsunami relief aeromedical evacuation in just one hour. The evacuation involved 25 crewmembers and had zero impact on routine and alert mission coverage.

Time at Kadena: 2 years, 6 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.*

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- More than two million alcohol impaired driving collisions occur each year. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-2233**.

ENERGYCONSERVATION TIP: The 18th Wing policy on air conditioning activation states that a/c can be activated when the average five-day high temperature is 75 degrees or above, or no later than **April 15**. Keep the filters clean and set the controls at a reasonable temperature to maximize energy conservation.

AEF 5/6 FAMILY READINESS FAIR: The Family Support Center will host a Family Readiness Fair **today** at 1 and 4 p.m. in the Schilling Community Center ballroom for spouses to better prepare for the upcoming Air Expeditionary Force deployment. The fair will include helpful tips and information on available services at the Military Personnel Flight, 18th Medical Group, Red Cross, 18th Security Forces Squadron, finance, legal and more. Call the FSC at **634-3366** for more details.

COMMISSIONING BRIEFINGS: A commissioning briefing will be held **today** at 2 p.m. in the education center, room 332.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS: The Pacific Okinawa Players will present a show for the whole family **today** and **Saturday** at 7:30 p.m. at the Foster Community Center. Call **632-3385** for more details.

BAZAAR: The Air Force Sergeants Association will hold its annual bazaar **Saturday** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Sunday** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 18th Medical Group parking garage. All SOFA status personnel are invited.

BX LIMITED PARKING: The Base Exchange parking lot will have limited parking on the Commissary side due to construction Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through **April 19**. The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron will be upgrading the current drainage system.

GREASE AUDITIONS: The Pacific Okinawa Players will hold auditions for Grease from 7 to 9 p.m. **Monday** and **Tuesday** at the Kubasaki High School Auditorium. Auditions are open to all SOFA status personnel ages 16 and up. Visit <http://www.pops-okinawa.org> or e-mail pops_pres@hotmail.com for more details.

EDUCATION BRIEFINGS: The education center will hold a general education briefing **Tuesday** at 2 p.m. in room 332. The briefing is open to anyone interested in learning more about the education services offered. Call **634-1500**, option 8 for more information.

PRAYER LUNCHEON: The National Prayer Luncheon will be held **Tuesday** at 11:30 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club. Contact unit first sergeants or Kimie Hanashiro at **634-1288** for tickets.

FURNISHINGSOFFICE CLOSURE: The Furnishings and Appliance Warehouses including Self Help will be closed for all deliveries and pick-ups **Wednesday** through **April 8**. Customer service assistance within the housing office will be open normal business hours. For any emergency requests, contact Master Sgt. Byron Dixon at **632-7776** or Tech Sgt. Yoshema Morgan at **634-0204**.

BLOOD DRIVE: The U.S. Naval Hospital will hold a blood drive **Thursday** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kadena High School. Contact Tracy Parmer at **643-7710** or by e-mail at parmerct@oki10.med.navy.mil for more information.

HONOR GUARD BREAKFAST: The Kadena Top 3 will host an Honor Guard recognition breakfast **April 8** at 7:30 a.m. at the Rocker NCO Club ballroom. Contact unit first sergeants or an Honor Guard member by **today** to sign up.

ADOPTION PICNIC: The Okinawa Adoption Group invites all families who are in the process of adopting, those who have successfully adopted, or those interested in learning more about adoption to a potluck picnic at 4 p.m. **April 9** at Kenney Park. Contact Morena Hockley at **935-3522** for more information.

CHILD ABUSEPREVENTION MONTH: To recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, the Kadena Integrated Delivery System will

sponsor the following events:

- ♦2K Family Fun Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. **Saturday** at the O'Connor Gym. Register at 8 a.m. or by calling **634-0433**.
- ♦Visit the base exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **April 9** for cake, giveaways and information on Family Advocacy, the Family Support Center, the Joint Services Help Line, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, and more.
- ♦Join any Protestant or Catholic chapel service on "Blue Sunday" **April 24** for a special prayer for child abuse victims and advocates.
- ♦Pick up a blue ribbon at any of the events or at various locations on base throughout the month.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 5K: Join the Special Olympics 5K Fun Run/Walk **April 16** at 9 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center to raise money for a Special Olympics event in June. Register for \$10 at the gym at 8 a.m.

LAST RESORT TAXI FUND: The 18th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk has a fund that may be used for taxi fare by military members who have been drinking and are stranded at the gate without enough money for a taxi-ride to an on-base residence. Members using this service are required to reimburse the LE desk the following day or as directed by their first sergeant. Contact unit first sergeants for more details.

PET

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"U.S. Forces Japan is currently negotiating with the government of Japan over how this new pet quarantine program will affect SOFA-status personnel," JDVC officials stated in a memorandum sent to installations throughout Japan. Until an agreement is made, JDVC officials urge incoming pet owners to follow the new requirements.

According to the memo, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will determine the length of each pet's quarantine period (ranging from 1 to 180 days) upon arrival to Japan.

Col. Ross Roley, 18th Services Squadron commander, said SOFA-status personnel living on base should be allowed to quarantine their pets at their home, or at Karing Kennels if space is available. For SOFA-status personnel living off base, or if space is not available at Karing Kennels, pets will be required to be quarantined at an off-base facility.

Colonel Roley stressed the fact that the location of quarantine is still under negotiation and asked pet owners to check the JDVC Web site (<http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/index.htm>) for the

Pets in base housing policy

Effective today, base housing residents island-wide are authorized no more than two pets in their homes. The policy change was made due to limited veterinary services on Department of Defense installations. Residents already owning three pets before April 1 will be allowed to keep them until they vacate base housing, but must contact the local military family housing office to register the pets. Residents currently moving into base housing will be affected by the policy change. Pets are still not allowed in military family towers. For more information, call the housing office nearest you:

Kadena: 634-9902; Camp Courtney: 622-7317; Camp Kinser: 637-3736.

most current information.

To minimize the length of time a pet has to stay under quarantine, JDVC officials ask sponsors to help ensure newcomers take care of the following items as soon as they're notified of their assignment to Japan.

Vaccinations: Be prepared to present documentary evidence that a pet has had at least two rabies shots. The most recent must have been given no less than 30 days or not later than 12 months before arrival. The most recent shot must be documented on a Department of Defense Form 2208, Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

Microchipping: All pets must obtain a microchip before arriving in Japan. ISO or ISO-compatible chips that meet the

ISO 11784 Standard are recommended as well as HomeAgain and AVID microchips. Kadena officials have also implemented a microchipping policy for pet owners already living on Okinawa. In order to receive services at Kadena's Veterinary Clinic, customers must first get their pet microchipped, Colonel Roley said.

Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization Test (FAVN): This blood test needs to be done as soon as possible and is good for up to two years. The test can be ordered through Kansas State University Rabies Laboratory or the Department of Defense Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Advance notification: If pets are traveling by commer-

cial air, the government of Japan requires advance notification of pet movement as soon as transportation is scheduled. The form is located at http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/r_doc.htm. Once completed, notification forms must be mailed or faxed to the port of entry (addresses and fax numbers available at <http://www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/soshiki/telephonelist.htm>). Pet owners will be notified of transportation approval and must bring proof when checking in with their airline.

Health certificate: A health certificate is required for each animal moving in or out of Japan and is valid for 10 days. Pet owners coming to Japan should remember that they will lose a day while traveling due to the international dateline.

The Veterinary Health Certificate for Import/Export for Japan, MDJ Form 2209, can be used by military veterinarians and is located on the JDVC homepage.

USDA certification: If a health certificate is issued by a civilian veterinarian, the health certificate and rabies certificates must be certified by a USDA State Veterinarian and bear a USDA raised embossed seal.

Age Consideration: Japanese officials discourage the importation of dogs and cats less than 10 months of age because they rarely meet vaccination and FAVN test requirements.

These pets can still be imported, but must start out with a 180 day quarantine period. The quarantine may be reduced as more of the steps are completed. Emphasis should be placed on microchipping, rabies vaccinations and the FAVN test.

Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate (MDJ Form 270, two copies) : All SOFA-status people entering Japan with a pet must complete this form which allows pets to be released to their owners for transportation to a U.S. military quarantine facility. Pet owners must submit the form to the U.S. military veterinary treatment facility within 72 hours of entry into Japan.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
(Left) Capt. Tony Hebert, 67th Fighter Squadron pilot, shows Yuma Tanaka with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan where ammunition is stored inside an F-15 Eagle during a tour of the flightline March 25.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
Yuma Tanaka learns about the capabilities of the 31st Rescue Squadron's HH-60 Pavehawk helicopter from Senior Airman Robert Jackson (right), 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as Patricia Miyagi, an 18th Wing Public Affairs specialist, translates.

WISH

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Tanaka was greeted by Navy Capt. Robert Wilson, CFAO commander, and presented a Navy flight jacket and other keepsakes.

Afterwards, Tanaka was taken to Kadena's flightline to see some of his favorite aircraft.

One Kadena pilot was more than happy to show off his "office" to one of his fans.

"I'm just happy that he wanted to look at an F-15," said Capt. Tony Hebert, 67th Fighter Squadron F-15 aircraft commander, who volunteered to show Tanaka and his family one of the squadron jets. "It makes me

feel good about what I do."

During the tour, Tanaka received Navy and Air Force posters, hats, patches and other souvenirs including an F-15 scale replica presented by the Kadena Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association. He was also shown a C-12 Huron, a P-3 Orion and an HH-60 Pavehawk helicopter, and taken inside a KC-135 Stratotanker before having lunch at Chili's. Before heading home, Tanaka was presented with a commander's coin by Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander.

Mrs. Tanaka said her son will always remember the day he came to Kadena.

"His father watched a lot of movies with American aircraft," said his mother. "Yuma was really influenced by that. This is going to be a very good memory."

Air Force officials drop selective reenlistment bonuses to 32 specialties

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials made significant changes to the selective re-enlistment bonus program as a result of continuing force-shaping efforts.

Based on the findings of a review in October, officials have published the latest list, which contains 32 Air Force specialties, down from 62.

The new list is already effective, but decreased and deleted bonuses will take effect April 23.

"We updated the SRB list to match our current force-shaping objectives and fiscal limits," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Laven-der, Air Force superintendent of accessions and retention bonus programs. "The SRB program is one of many tools the Air Force uses to balance the enlisted force. Recalibration of the program allows us to use the SRB as a sur-

gically precise retention tool."

All enlisted career fields were reviewed, including those with special duty and reporting identi-fiers.

The criteria used for determin-ing which enlisted fields remained on the list included current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, and career field stress levels, officials said.

Bonuses are authorized by half-point increments (or multi-ples) in three re-enlistment zones for Airmen with 17 months to 14 years of service.

For more information call the Kadena military personnel flight retentions office at 634-3071, or check the list at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm.

Are you still eligible for a bonus?

Selective Reenlistment Bonus Air Force Specialty Codes as of March 24:

1A0X1	1C5X1	1N3X9X	2A3X3A	2E1X3	3P0X1
1A1X1X	1C5X1D	1N4X1	2A3X3E-J	2E2X1	3P0X1A-B
1A2X1	1N0X1	1N5X1	2A6X1A-E	2E6X3	5J0X1
1A3X1	1N1X1	1N6X1	2A6X3	2F0X1	6C0X1
1A4X1X	1N3X2A/B	1T0X1	2A6X4	2G0X1	7S0X1
1A5X1	1N3X3A/D	1T2X1	2A7X1	2T2X1	9L0X0
1A7X1	1N3X4A/G	1W0X1A	2A7X2	2T3X2X	9S1X0
1A8X1X	1N3X5X	2A0X1A	2A7X3	3E7X1	
1C1X1	1N3X6X	2A3X1A	2A7X4	3E8X1	
1C2X1	1N3X7X	2A3X1B	2E1X1	3E9X1	
1C4X1	1N3X8X	2A3X2	2E1X2	3N0X2	

Selective Reenlistment Bonus Air Force Specialty Codes after April 23:

1A0X1	1A7X1	1N0X1	1N3X6X	1T0X1	7S0X1
1A1X1X	1A8X1X	1N1X1	1N3X7X	1T2X1	9L0X0
1A2X1	1C1X1	1N3X2A/B	1N3X8X	1W0X1A	
1A3X1	1C2X1	1N3X3A/D	1N3X9X	2E2X1	
1A4X1D	1C4X1	1N3X4A/G	1N4X1	2G0X1	
1A5X1	1C5X1D	1N3X5X	1N5X1	3E8X1	

KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following 2004 Pacific Air Forces Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Barnes crew chief of the year award winner:

-- Crew chief of the Year: **Staff Sgt. William Smith, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Congratulations to the following 2004 Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Maintenance Per-former award winners:

-- Maintenance Performer: **Master Sgt. Lon-nie Ranger, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron**

-- Outstanding Maintenance Support System Performer of the Year, Craftsmen/Superinten-dent category: **Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Huver, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron** -- Outstanding Maintenance Sup-port System Performer of the Year -- Crafts-men: **Tech. Sgt. Edward Tennity III, 18th MOS**

Congratulations to the following 2004 Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Combat Rescue Offi-cer and Pararescue award winners:

-- Combat Rescue Officer of the Year: **First Lt. Timothy Hanks, 31st Rescue Squadron**

-- Combat Rescue NCO of the Year: **Staff Sgt. Bembry King, 31st RQS**

-- Combat Rescue Airman of the Year: **Staff Sgt. George Torres, 31st RQS**

Staff Sgt. Anthony Accoo, an 18th Opera-tions Support Squadron air traffic controller, was recently named Pacific Air Forces' 2004 Air Traffic Control Training Achievement Award winner.

Pacific Air Forces officials recently named **Tech. Sgt. Mary Bufford, 18th OSS** airfield management training chief, Pacific Air Forces' 2004 Airfield Management Training Achieve-ment Award winner.

Tech. Sgt. Preston Frank, 82nd Reconnaiss-ance Squadron, was recently named Air Combat Command's 2004 Supply Profes-sional Provider of the Year.

Congratulations to the **18th Services Squadron** for being named the 2005 Pacific Air Forces General Curtis LeMay Service Award winner.

New program aims to improve moving process

By Army Sgt. 1st Class
Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Full replace-ment value for lost or damaged items is among several changes taking effect in October as part of a new pro-gram called "Families First" which aims to improve the moving process for military families.

"We're going to have a lot of hap-pier campers because they are not going to be losing any money out of their pockets like they did before," said Cullen Hutchinson of the pas-senger and personal property office at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.

Under the current claims process, servicemembers only receive a depre-ciated value for property that is lost or damaged, he said.

For example, a \$200 television that is lost or damaged might only be valued at \$100 after depreciation, he said.

With Families First, he said, "the carrier will either replace the televi-sion with a similar one or reimburse the servicemember the full cost of a new one."

Another benefit of the program is that servicemembers will now deal directly with the carrier to arrange direct delivery of household goods, thus alleviating the need for tempo-rary storage, he said.

"What makes this even better for the servicemembers is that whenever you have temporary storage (and) more handling of your household goods, the more susceptible it is for loss or damage," Mr. Hutchinson said.

He said direct delivery will also save the services money now spent for temporary storage.

In Families First, servicemembers



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will file settlement claims directly with the carrier, using a Web-based claim-filing process.

"There will not be a middle man; the servicemember will be able to address the carrier directly on the issue (he or she has)," he said.

"And the carrier will have an incentive to take care of that service-member in a positive way."

Mr. Hutchinson said servicemem-bers will be encouraged to complete a Web-based customer satisfaction sur-vey that measures the performance of carriers, and that survey will become part of that carrier's record.

"If the carrier's performance is poor, then the amount of business he's going to get from the govern-ment is going to fall off or stop com-pletely," he said. "So there is an incentive there. It's no longer a com-petition on cost, but it's a competition now with cost and performance."

The survey gives servicemembers a chance to influence decisions on whether a carrier continues to do business with the Defense Depart-ment, Mr. Hutchinson said.

"And that decision is going to be

based on the performance of that car-rier," he said.

"(The result will be) more quality carriers, which will translate into quality service for our servicemem-bers," Mr. Hutchinson said. "And higher-quality carriers will ultimate-ly mean higher-quality moves."

He said efforts like Families First should help improve the quality of service in the military moving indus-try that carries household goods of more than 500,000 servicemembers and their families each year.

He said problems in the moving industry have plagued the services for years, and that efforts to improve the moving process have been ongo-ing since 1994, starting with re-engi-neering of the household goods process.

"The perceptions were that DOD was experiencing a very high loss and damage rate," Mr. Hutchinson said. "When we looked at the num-bers, it was significantly higher than some of the corporate accounts."

In addition, he said, claim rates also were higher for military moves. While average military claims ranged around \$500, he said many corporate claims were in the range of \$100.

In the end, he said, DOD officials expect to see a "considerable decrease in loss and damage claims."

"The reason for that is that the carrier is assuming a higher liability for claims," he said. "So it's in their best interest to protect the goods bet-ter so they are not subject to this loss."

Mr. Hutchinson said the program also should ease some of the stress involved with moving.

"What we're trying to do is reduce that stress for our servicemembers so they can concentrate on more impor-tant things and not worry about (their things)," he said.



A Day of Fun with the Team Kadena comes together to ce

Marquis Simmons, 3, son of Samuel Simmons, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets his cheek painted by volunteer Jacqueline Fulton, daughter of Tech Sgt. Raymond F at Marek Park Saturday. More than 2,000 active-duty and civilian members and their families came out to enjoy games, gymnastics, arts and crafts, pictures with the Ea na Services.

TWINS: Anthony and Nicholas Guerrero, 2, twin sons of Staff Sgt. Jose Guerrero, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, play a fishing game during the Kadena Family Fair at Marek Park Saturday.



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A DIFFERENT GAME OF SOCCER: Timothy Sieber, Gary Courterier, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, rolls a during a family celebration at Marek Park Saturday.

GYMNASTICS: Ayana McLeod, daughter of Mas McLeod, 18th Security Forces Squadron, does a flip during a gymnastics performance at the Kadena Family F



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353rd Maintenance Squadron, at the Kadena Family Fair
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(Clockwise from top)

DEMONSTRATION: Kadena families watch a gymnastics show at the Kadena Family Fair at Marek Park Saturday.

EASTER BUNNY: Austin, 7-month-old son of Master Sgt. Joseph Barthold, Det 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron, looks for help as he sits on the Easter Bunny's lap during the Kadena Family Fair at Marek Park Saturday.

EGGS IN A BASKET: Ayanna Simmons, 4, daughter of Samuel Simmons, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, is disappointed when she can't find any more eggs during the Easter egg hunt at the fair.



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GETTING AROUND: Juilen Paolo Samavarchian, 1, son of Senior Airman Jalil Samavarchian, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, tries to pull off his smiley face headband during a family fair Saturday.



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SUNGLASSES: Kennady McNeill, 2, puts on her sunglasses to look like her dad, Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth McNeill, 18th Communications Squadron, as she sits on his shoulders during a family fair at Marek Park Saturday.

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ Governors of prefectures hosting U.S. military bases and facilities asked central government officials for updates on the status of bilateral talks on realignment of U.S. military forces in Japan. The group also urged officials to ask the U.S. government to return unused land at military bases.

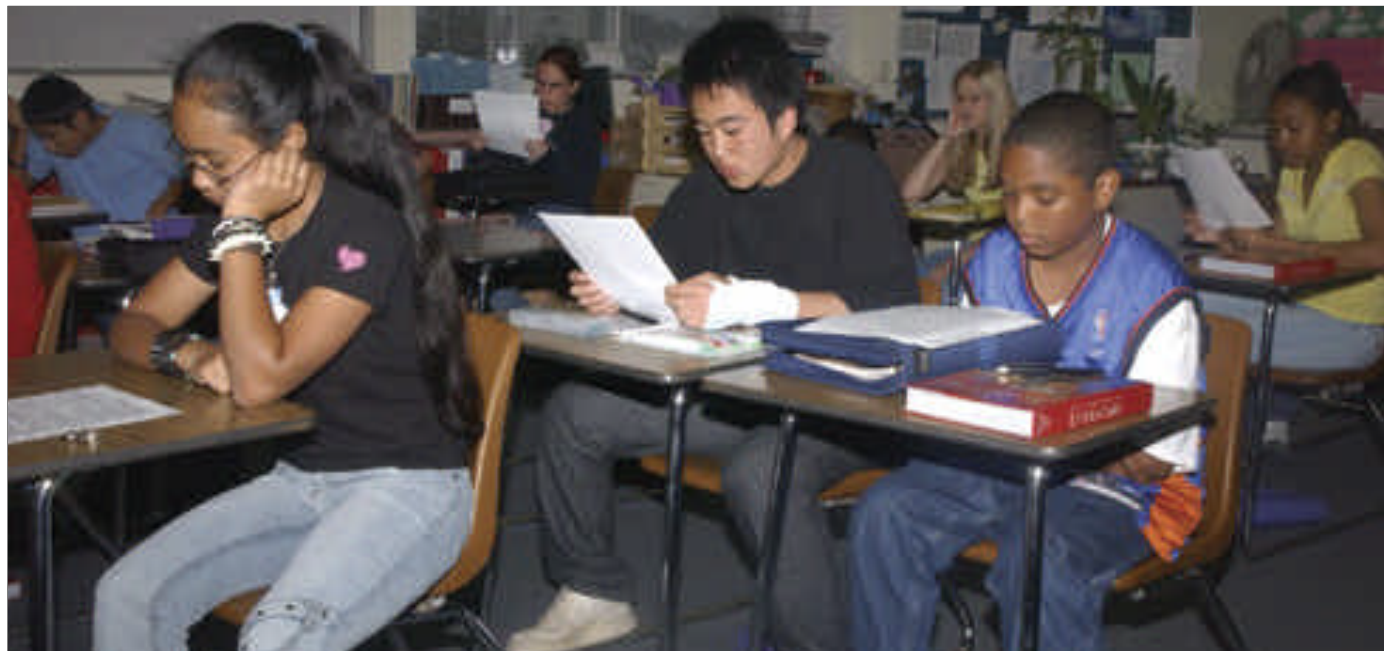
□ Defense Agency Chief Yoshinori Ono said Tuesday the government would consider dispatching Japan Self Defense Forces to provide emergency aid to Indonesia, which was hit by an 8.5-magnitude earthquake.

□ Okinawa City Assembly members adopted a resolution and statement requesting reduction of noise pollution in areas surrounding Kadena Air Base at a meeting earlier this week. Kadena Town Assembly members also adopted a similar resolution during their final session March 15. They asked the Naha Defense Facilities Administration Bureau to conduct a survey measuring noise pollution.

□ Ginowan City Assembly members called for the suspension of returning 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit helicopters and for the closure of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

□ Naha DFAB officials said soil samples taken from Camp Kuwae (near Camp Lester Naval Hospital) were not contaminated. Rumors of soil contamination surfaced when local workers reported smelling oil in the area, prompting an investigation.

□ According to Okinawa Prefectural Government officials, more than 4,000 Okinawa residents have been infected with influenza this year. [Kadena members who want influenza vaccinations can visit the 18th Medical Group clinic.]



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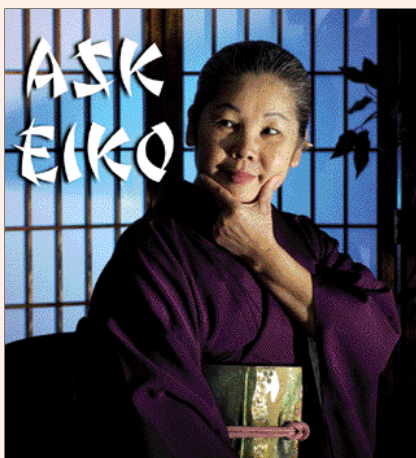
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Diverse learning

STUDYING: Darien Carter (right), and Kazushi Haeburu of Yamauchi School in town, read a handout in language art class at Kadena Middle School. Haeburu and 19 other students from Yamauchi participated in a school exchange program last week.

LUNCH: Several exchange students from Yamauchi School tell Mike McClain (middle), assistant principal of Kadena Middle School, about the typical daily schedule at their school, during last week's exchange program. The students were part of a week-long exchange between eighth-grade KMS and Okinawan students.

"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: kadenashogun.newspaper@kadena.af.mil with the subject line - ASK EIKO.



Q : Why do Japanese people have rock gardens?

A : Japanese rock gardens are primarily intended to be miniature landscapes representative of the vast landscapes of nature itself. It is our attempt to bring the beauty and tranquility of natural settings into our lives when we cannot travel to the natural setting.

Stones, which are carefully selected for their form, are the foundation of the traditional Japanese garden. Many people believe that in order to understand the beauty of a Japanese garden, one must first understand the beauty of the stones. A noted writer about Japan, Lafcadio Hearn (1850-1904), wrote:

Until you can feel, and keenly feel, that stones have character, the stones have tones and values, the whole artistic meaning of a Japanese garden cannot be revealed to you. Not only is every stone chosen with a view to its particular expressiveness of form, but every stone in the garden or about the premises has its separate and individual name, indicating its purpose or its decorative duty.

Traditional Japanese gardens incorporate an artistic arrangement of trees, shrubs, rocks, sand, artificial hills, ponds and flowing water to imitate nature. The garden designs are based on three concepts:

1. Reduced scale – creating scaled down gardens repre-

sentative of scenes in nature.

2. Symbolization – using materials abstractly to symbolize something in nature, such as using white sand to depict the ocean. The sand is raked and patterned so that the high and low spots symbolize the waves in the ocean.

3. "Borrowed views" – using scenes from outside the garden, such as the ocean or a mountain range, as a part of the garden scenery. Placing a garden on the slope of a hill near the ocean so that it appears to flow into the ocean when viewed from the top, or blend into the hill when viewed from the bottom, is an example of this aspect.

Japanese gardens are classified into two types: *tsukiyama*, or "hill garden" which uses hills and ponds, and *hiraniwa*, or flat garden, without hills or ponds. The flat gardens are often referred to as *karesansui*, or "dry landscape" gardens because no water is used in the setting. To Japanese garden purists, only the dry landscape variety of garden is referred to as a "rock" garden. This type of garden is often associated with Zen Buddhism because the form was developed primarily by Zen abbots who built the gardens to provide a tranquil setting for meditation. Many of these gardens are intended to be viewed from a single, seated perspective.

The first written records of aesthetic gardens in Japan appeared in the Asuka period (593-710). The first formal Zen landscape garden is credited to Kenchoji Temple in Kamakura, Japan. This temple was founded in 1251 and was the chief monastery for the Zen monasteries that thrived during the Kamakura era (1185 - 1333).

A special form of Japanese garden came about with the introduction of the tea ceremony in the 14th Century. The *Chaniwa* (tea garden) is characterized by stepping stones that lead to the entry door of the tea ceremony house. Stone lanterns are placed to light the path and to accentuate the beauty of the garden by adding light and shadows to it. Stone water basins (*Tsukubai*), where guests purify themselves before partaking in the tea ceremony, are also integrated into the tea garden.

There are some beautiful Japanese gardens on Okinawa, including those at Shuri Castle; Shikinaen, a very large and popular garden site near Shuri Castle; many of the resort hotels and tourist sites; and at many private homes. You can learn more about Japanese gardens and view some stunning photographs on many Internet sites. There is also a huge body of literature and how-to books on Japanese gardens available at many book stores (including AAFES Bookmark).

Kadena teens perform "The Bride of Brackenloch"



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Kasey Helms (right) plays a deceased bride who scares Stephanie Breazile (middle) in the production of "The Bride of Brackenloch" at Kadena High School Saturday. More than 600 people showed up to the play Friday and Saturday night for a mystery about a family who tries to solve their father's death, break a curse that dooms to death all brides brought to the manor, and find the missing "Wong Hong King Tong-Gong Thong" rope that had hung above the fireplace.

Today

MAY ARTS & CRAFTS SIGN-UP: Stop by or sign-up at the arts and crafts front counter and pick up a schedule of youth and adult May classes, or call 634-1666 for more details.

MINI-MASTERS GOLF TOURNEY: Enter by Tuesday for the Banyan Tree Golf Course mini-masters golf tournament held April 9-10 for \$20 to celebrate all 18 greens being open. Call 634-3900 for more details.

KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

THUNDER BOWL: Join Emery Lanes for loud music and flashing lights while bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

APRIL FOOLS DAY R&B PARTY: Enjoy the smooth sounds from today's and yesterday's R&B hits from 9 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

DE'JA VU FRIDAY: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a variety mix with the Doctor from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by variety themes until closing.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNote from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by the Partae Virus and Super Ladies Night.

Saturday

M O V I E S	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.	
Keystone Theater	
▲ Today.....	The Pacifier PG, 6 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	The Wedding Date, PG, 9 p.m. The Pacifier, PG, noon Alone in the Dark, R, 4 p.m. The Pacifier, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Phantom of the Opera, PG-13, noon The Pacifier, PG, 4 p.m. The Wedding Date, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	The Ring Two, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	The Ring Two, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday...	The Wedding Date, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	Robots, PG, 7 p.m.
Butler Theater	
▲ Today.....	Alone in the Dark, R, 7 p.m. Phantom of the Opera, PG-13, 10 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Robots, PG, 1 p.m. Robots, PG, 4 p.m. Boogeyman, PG-13, 7 p.m. Alone in the Dark, R, 10 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Robots, PG, 1 p.m. Robots, PG, 4 p.m. Phantom of the Opera, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	The Wedding Date, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	Robots, PG, 1 p.m.
▲ Wednesday...	The Wedding Date, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	The Ring Two, PG-13, 7 p.m.
* First Run shows are marked by a star	

ROCKER MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Adult club members can enjoy a free buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. and great games and prizes until 9 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club followed by Coyote Ugly Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the ballroom.

YOUTH/ADULT BOWLING TOURNEY: Emery Lanes will hold a youth and adult bowling tournament at 1 p.m. Register at Emery Lanes at 12:30 p.m.

DIGITAL ARTS CLUB: Prepare for digital arts festivals, where members will be able to enter their original works in national competitions from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Teen Center. Call 634-3866 for more information.

MINI-MASTERS GOLF TOURNEY: Enter by Tuesday for the Banyan Tree Golf Course mini-masters golf tournament held April 9-10 for \$20 to celebrate all 18 greens being open. Call 634-3900 for more details.

OKUMA AND HIJI FALLS TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call 634-1387 for more details.

MINIATURE WAR-GAMING: Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

OKINAWAN CRAFT EXPLORATION: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: Learn the art of machine patchwork quilting and discover how to make household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Country and Western and Southern Rock Night from 9 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Kickin' it Country and R&B Dance Hits from 8 p.m. to close.

Sunday

BLUE INDIGO PROJECT AND BASHOFU WEAVING STUDIO: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

RENT-A-LANE BOWLING: Up to five bowlers can rent a lane at Emery Lanes for \$15 and bowl for 3 hours from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

CASTLE RUIN EXPLORATION: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

FAMILY BOWLING DAY: Join Emery Lanes for a dollar a game when parents and children bowl together from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three-game limit may apply.

EARTH FEST 2005: Sign up at the Schilling Community Center for a special Earth Day

Talent Contest.

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PLANET VIBE SUNDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Top 40 hits until closing.

Monday

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration and have your next birthday cake go from boring to brilliant from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAY: Join the Kadena Youth Center for National Boys and Girls Club week and volunteer to help with cleaning, creating and filing from 3 to 4 p.m. Open to members ages 9 to 12. Call 634-0500 for more details.

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SALSA DANCE: Join the Schilling Community Center for adult salsa dance lessons from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

ISHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME: Be a volunteer and join the Teen Center Keystone Club Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and interact with Japanese youth. Activities include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons. Call 634-3866 for more information.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Adults can make friends with their Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

ROCKER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Rock around the Clock with CNote from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tuesday

KARAOKE CONTEST: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a karaoke contest for club members only from 9 to 11 p.m. in the lounge. Each week two winners will be selected to compete in the grand final April 30 for a grand prize of \$500. Weekly winners will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Call 634-0740 for more information.

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TAI CHI CH'HAUN: Learn the Chinese art of Tai Chi Ch'haun which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

ROCKER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Krazy Karaoke with KJ QUTU and LT from 7 to 11 p.m. and win cash for crooning.

RIB EYE TUESDAYS: Join the Banyan Tree Club for an 8 oz. charbroiled steak, potato

bar, corn-on-the-cob, rolls, and ice tea or coffee for just \$7.95 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Save \$1 when you show your club card. Call 634-0644 for more details.

Wednesday

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KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

SALSA DANCE: Join the Schilling Community Center for adult salsa dance lessons from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

TORCH CLUB OPEN HOUSE: Join the Kadena Youth Center for National Boys and Girls Club week and attend a meeting to make suggestions for upcoming activities and events for the Torch Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Open to members ages 9 to 12. Call 634-0500 for more details.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Request Night from 7 to 11 p.m.

TEA CEREMONY: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

DEEP GROOVE WEDNESDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for jazz with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School with the Doctor until closing.

Thursday

FREE SALSA DANCE: Learn the basics of salsa dance at the Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Complimentary light snacks will be provided. Open to club members 20 years and older only.

FLEA MARKET BUG: Bring your unwanted items to the Chibana Flea Market, near the Chibana Golf Course, held the first and third Thursday of each month. Vendor set-up begins at 5:30 a.m.; sales begin at 7 a.m. Call Outdoor Recreation at 634-2811 for more information.

STAFF & KIDS GAMES: Join the Kadena Youth Center for National Boys and Girls Club week and join the fun as youth center members ages 9 to 12 compete against staff from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more details.

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JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Bring Japanese words to life at this adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more details.

RUB-A-DUB REGGAE THURSDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for reggae with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Ladies Night with DJ Rob Ski until closing.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Fired Up Country with DJ TNT from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

April 8

SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA: Participate in Okuma's free events until April 17 for games, contests and entertainment from 8 a.m. with music starting at 9 p.m. Events include a sand sculpture team creating sand art all day; a giant slide and rock climbing wall starting at 10 a.m.; a trike race from 10 to 11 a.m.; a jump rope contest from 2 to 4 p.m.; movie night from 8 to 10 p.m. and a live performance by Stormwatch from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

BALLROOM DANCE: Join the Schilling Community Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ballroom dance lessons.

BATH HOUSE TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more information.

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THUNDER BOWL: Join Emery Lanes for loud music and flashing lights while bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join the Kadena Youth Center for National Boys and Girls Club week and youth members ages 6 to 8 can enjoy a free ice cream from 7 to 9 p.m. while making a "Marvelous Members Banner." Call 634-0500 for more details.

DJ CLUB: Learn the art of being a DJ from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Teen Center Millennium. Call 634-3866 for more information.

KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

DE'JA VU FRIDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a variety mix with the Doctor from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by variety themes until closing.

C H A P E L	
Catholic	
▲ Monday through Friday	: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday	: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Protestant	
▲ Wednesday	: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday	: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service:	Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox services:	Call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services:	Call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services:	Call 636-3219

FIT TO FIGHT

18th Wing staff test to see if they have what it takes



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Airman 1st Class Jonathan Taylor, 18th Wing command post, does push ups as Senior Airman Bennie Bellvin, 18th WG/CP, keeps count during a physical fitness test at the Risner Fitness Center Wednesday. Members of the 18th Wing staff agencies completed the 1.5 mile run, sit ups and push ups as part of their annual physical fitness test.



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Maj. Tom Tibbetts (right), 18th Wing executive officer, leads the pack on the 1.5 mile timed run during his physical fitness test at the Risner Fitness Center.



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RUN: Tech Sgt. Steven Mandell, 18th Mission Support Squadron, tracks the time of Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, as he completes the 1.5 mile run of the physical fitness test.

SCORE: 1st Lt. Kevin Gilbert, 18th Mission Support Squadron, gives Staff Sgt. Carolyn Cole-Fletcher, 18th Wing Chapel, her score after the physical fitness test at the Risner Fitness Center.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DRAGON BOAT RACERS NEEDED

May 5

Kadena volunteers are needed to form a men's and women's team for the Naha Dragon Boat Races May 5. Team members must be Air Force active-duty, Guard or Reserve members, Department of Defense civilian employees, or Status of Forces Agreement family members over the age of 18. For sign-up information or any questions, e-mail

tanya@oasis.mediatti.net or call Tanya Freeman at 633-5042.

KADENA CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Tonight - Sunday

The Kadena Cup Soccer Tournament kicks off at the 5 p.m. Friday at the Risner Track and continues throughout the weekend. The championship game will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 634-5128.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 5K RUN/WALK WINNERS

More than 70 people, ages 10 to 50, participated in the Women's History Month 5K run/walk March 25 at the Risner Fitness Center. The event was organized by **Capt. Cindy McCullough**, 18th Air Evacuation Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Atherton**, 18th Munitions Squadron; **1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg**, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron. The top three finishers in both

the male and female groups won a \$50 gift certificate to Chilis for first place, a \$25 gift certificate to Chilis for second place, and a 30-minute massage at the Risner Fitness Center for third place.

Female – First, **Heather Dunlap**, 20:58. Second, **Leslie Maher**, 24:24. Third, **Mavis Huston**, 24:46.

Male – First, **Seth Martin**, 18:10. Second, **Tony Davis**, 18:32. Third, **Timothy Hanks**, 19:10.